

Remarks

Applicants appreciate the allowance of the pending claims after a long and carefully considered prosecution. The "Reasons for Allowance" included in the Notice of Allowance, however, merits a response.

Applicants agree that Bennett differs from the claimed invention for at least the reasons proffered by the Notice of Allowance. A more detailed analysis of the differences may be found in applicants' prior response.

Applicants note that newly cited reference U.S. Published Application 2003/0014544 to Pettey, which was said to be discovered after another search, was filed February 15, 2001, several years after the priority date claimed for the current application.

Respectfully submitted,



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